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The first group of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry arriving at Tafuna International Airport and being greeted by Governor and Mrs. Togiola, Congressman Faleomavaega, other dignitaries, families and friends.

TOA O SAMOA RETURN HOME

The first group of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, Charlie and Bravo Companies arrived in the Territory Thursday morning, January 19, 2006, after a year's deployment in Iraq. The group returned home safely after a short stay in Honolulu for de-briefing, medical examinations and other military processing. Other members of Charlie and Bravo Companies will be arriving within a weeks time following processing in Honolulu.

Governor Togiola and First Lady Mary, along with Congressman Faleomavaega, Speaker Matagi Ray McMoore and other dignitaries led a large, high-spirited crowd of families, friends and members of the public to welcome the soldiers back with open arms.

Following the greeting at the airport, the soldiers were escorted to the new Army Reserves Center for a brief welcoming ceremony. The ceremony began with the singing of the National and American Samoan anthems, followed by a prayer of thanksgiving. Governor Togiola then offered his special welcoming remarks in Samoan. He started by thanking Sergeants Asaeli and Seui for leading their respective companies back home safely. He then, on behalf of the people and Government of American Samoa, welcomed, praised and thanked the soldiers for their service to their country and for all their sacrifices during their yearlong deployment to Iraq. "Ua malo le soifua, ua malo tau, ua malie toa, ua malo le fita, ua malo fai ole faiva o toa," praised Governor Togiola Tulafono. A more extravagant welcoming ceremony is being planned for all Toa O Samoa at a later date.

Share activities, appointments or accomplishments in your Departments/Agencies with us all. EMAIL YOUR ARTICLES (and pictures, if you have any) TO: tapu!tea@amsamoa.gov.as Or contact Harry or Vince @ 633-4116

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with: Governor Togiola Tulafono
Saturdays @ 7a.m.
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TEACHER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – PHASE II

By Rev. Sualauvi Tuimaleali'ifano

The second phase of the Teacher Quality Certification Program was launched last week Tuesday, at the Lee Auditorium. The Program is sponsored by the Office of the Governor and Honorable Governor Togiola was present to offer important remarks to all the participating teachers. This program is geared towards familiarizing and training teachers in methods of teaching the Samoan language to students of both Elementary and Secondary Divisions. The Teacher Qualify Division of the Department of Education (DOE), under the supervision of Mr. Filemoni Lauilefue, is supervising the training.

The first phase of this program was highly successful culminating in awarding of certificates to all participants. These certificates are a milestone that will help the teachers advance in their professional careers and to be accepted anywhere as certified teachers of the Samoan language. The program also encourages and refocuses the teachers, and students alike, to be proud and comfortable in communicating with each other in the Samoan language.

The DOE Director, Malaetele Dr. Lui Tuitele, expressed his appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the tremendous help from Office of the Governor and complimented the Governor for his personal commitment and involvement in this important program to further preserve our Samoan language.

Happenings at the Office of the Governor:

Rev. Elisara Togia'i, who has served as Insurance Commissioner since August 1997, is leaving his post and moving off island with his wife. The Governor and staff hosted a farewell luncheon last Friday at the Governor's office for Rev. Togia'i. Governor Togiola thanked Rev. Togia'i for his years of service to the Territory and the Government of American Samoa, and for his support of the previous and current Administrations. The Governor wished Togia'i and his wife the best of luck and a safe trip to their future destination.

Mrs. Kueni Hisatake has been appointed by Governor Togiola Tulafono as Special Assistant to the Lieutenant Governor. The Governor cited that Mrs. Hisatake has been employed in the Office of the Governor as the Lt. Governor's Executive Secretary and Administrative Assistant, and her experience and familiarity with what is required of this position makes this appointment appropriate. She will continue to serve as the Lt. Governor's Scheduler and will be responsible in carrying out special projects as required. She will also work closely with the Chief of Staff to ensure that proper protocol that is required of the office is being followed.

Please extend Mrs. Hisatake your fullest support and cooperation.

GOVERNOR TOGIOLA TULAFONO ADDRESSES AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT'S KATRINA DONATION

We did not send off any money yet. Remember this money was supposed to support the group that we had hoped to send to help. We had the team standing by, but the FEMA contacts we were contacting did not feel that this kind of help is necessary. However, they stated that they will ask around and if any city would be requesting such help then they will let us know. We have heard nothing and I do not feel our help is necessary anymore. I am asking, through submitted legislation, to utilize \$200,000 of that money to fund the Political Status Study Commission (PSSC) since one of the problems with the PSSC was that the source of funding identified by the Legislature did not have any funds and could not be used for the expenses of the Commission. \$50,000 still remains in the Katrina assistance and I will be talking with the Fono Leaders before I leave for DC in February as I think that will be an appropriate cash assistance to go together with some of the funds students from Manulele Junior High gave me to present, and I will be presenting those to the Katrina Relief funds of the Presidents as our donations.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT OR AMEND RULES

Pursuant to American Samoa Code Annotated (ASCA) 4.1001 et. Seq., the **Development Bank of American Samoa (DBAS)** intends to adopt or amend its **Whistleblower Policy**.

Interested members of the public may review these documents and/or present their written comments on the same at the DBAS CEO's Office at the DBAS Building at Pago Pago, American Samoa from January 10, 2006. DBAS is normally open for business Mondays to Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Malauulu at telephone number (684)633-4031.

In Memory of His Eminence Cardinal Pio Taofinu'u

Governor Togiola Tulafono released the following statement regarding the death of His Eminence Cardinal Pio Taofinu'u in Apia:

"I am deeply saddened by the death of His Eminence Cardinal Pio Taofinu'u. Cardinal Pio was beloved and adored throughout Samoa, American Samoa and our Pacific community. Mere words cannot describe the impact his example and actions have had on God's people across the Samoan archipelago. He touched countless lives.

His Eminence was an example of moral conviction to people of all faiths in both Samoas, who used his influence to promote individual dignity and respect for every human life.

Cardinal Pio truly inspired all Samoans, regardless of religious denomination, to embrace harmony in religion and collaboration of churches.

I mourn the great loss of this humble servant of God, but know that the legacy of Cardinal Pio's conviction and inspiration will endure far into the future.

Mary, Lieutenant Governor Ipulasi, Mrs.

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorenson

Historian - Office of the Governor

On January 10, 1914, the Department of Public Health was established in American Samoa, and was headed by "the Senior Medical Officer of the United States Naval Station, Tutuila."

On January 10, 1915, the Manu'a hurricane destroyed the Papatea School, which was one of American Samoa's first public schools. (It was rebuilt and reopened in April, 1920).

On January 10, 1918, the Governor General of New Zealand sent telegrams to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in London and to the Administrator of Western Samoa, in which he stated his belief that New Zealand must retain the German colonies that she captured during World War I. He asked Western Samoa's Administrator to send evidence showing "that the natives of Samoa appreciate, and desire to remain under, British [i.e., New Zealand] rule."

On January 10, 1920, Commander Warren Jay Terhune, Governor of American Samoa, visited Rose Atoll and erected a concrete monument with the inscription: "Rose Island, American Samoa, Trespassing prohibited. Warren J. Terhune, Governor, Jan. 10, 1920."

On January 10, 1929, **American Samoa's Governor, Captain Stephen Victor Graham, amended the Codification of the Regulations and Orders for the Government of American Samoa by adding "Section 64: Immigration."**

On January 10, 1944, "Lieutenant Commander C.T. GILLIAM, USNR, reported to Commander, Service Squadron, South Pacific Force his recommendations for establishment of facilities and allowance for Tutuila. This included all Army, Navy and Marine personnel on the island." Gilliam proposed that "the personnel allowance for Tutuila was to be cut down to 77 officers and 1717 enlisted men by June 1944. In the redeployment program this was not accomplished until January 1945. Lieutenant Commander GILLIAM also suggested that all salvageable materials be shipped to forward areas as soon as they were available."

On January 11, 1927, American Samoa's Governor, Captain Henry Francis Bryan, amended "Regulation No. 5-1900" to include provision for "An annual fono or general assembly [which] shall be held in the administration building, naval station, between the 1st and 15th of November."

On January 11, 1938, Pan American World Airways' Samoan Clipper (a Sikorsky S-42B flying boat, piloted by Captain Edwin Musick) exploded northwest of Tutuila, at 14 degrees 8 minutes South Latitude and 170degrees 51 minutes West Longitude, shortly after taking off from Pago Pago Harbor. The explosion occurred when one of the Clipper's engines developed an oil leak. In order to lighten the airplane and make a safe landing, Captain Musick decided to jettison his excess fuel. His last message, at 8:27 a.m., said "We are going to dump gas and we can't use the radio during the dumping. Stand by." The fuel apparently streamed over the lowered flaps and struck a hot exhaust manifold, thus igniting and causing the airplane's fuel tanks to explode. Samoan fautasi and the seaplane tender USS Avocet, sent to look for survivors, found none: only an oil slick, and some uniform coats and pieces of aluminum floating on the water. (Responding to angry complaints by Pan Am pilots following the Samoan Clipper's loss, the Sikorsky Aircraft Company extended the length of the dump valves on all S-42s, so that dumped fuel would not be deflected into the engine exhaust manifolds by the flaps).

On January 11, 1942, at 2:26 a.m., "a Japanese submarine surfaced about 10,000 yards off the north coast [of Tutuila] between Southworth Point and Fagasa Bay," and fired about fifteen projectiles from its 5.5-inch deck gun at the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila over a period of approximately ten minutes. The first shell struck the rear of the store of Frank Shimasaki, one of Tutuila's few Japanese residents. The store was closed at the time, as Mr. Shimasaki was interned because of his 'foreign background.' The next one inflicted slight damage on the naval dispensary, the third landed on the lawn behind the naval quarters known as "Centipede Row," while the fourth hit the stone seawall outside the customs house. The others fell harmlessly into the harbor. "The fire was not returned, notwithstanding the eagerness of the Samoan Marines to test their skill against the enemy....No American or Samoan Marines were wounded." Commander Edwin B. Robinson, who was bicycling behind Centipede Row, was wounded in the knee by a piece of shrapnel and "a member of the colorful native Fita Fita Guard" received minor injuries; they were the only casualties. This was the only time that the Japanese attacked Tutuila during World War II, but "Japanese submarines did patrol the waters around Samoa prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, and were active in the area throughout the war."

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BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency routinely monitors public water systems for the protection of public health. On the 5th & 12th of January 2006, Total coliform and Fecal coliform (*E-coli*) bacteria were found in the village waters in *Fagamalo, Fagalii, Vatia, Afono, and Onenoo*. These bacteria could make you sick, and are particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) advises these villages to bring all water to a boil. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, baby formula, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until the villages are connected to the ASPA or ASG water system. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in water.

Bacteria in the water can cause diarrhea, **cramps**, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children and people with severely compromised immune systems.

Please be advised that it is illegal and dangerous to public health to cross connect village water systems to the ASPA water system. The mayors are advised to initiate cleaning activities in watershed and water catchments to minimize the contamination.

IA FAAPUNA LELEI VAI ONA FA'AAOGA LEA

Mo alalafaga o *Fagamalo, Fagalii, Vatia, Afono, ma Onenoo*. E tusa ai ma le suesuega a le Ofisa o le Si'osi'omaga (ASEPA) i le aso 05 & 12 o le masina o Ianuari 2006, ua mautinoa ai le afaina o le suavai taumafa o loo outou fa'aaogaina, ini siama e ono a'afia ai lo outou soifua maloloina e pei o le manava tatā, manava tigā, fa'afaufau, ulu tigā, atoa ma nisi fa'ama'i. Ua fautuaina ai le mamalu o ia alalafaga ina ia vaimamā lelei le vai, ma ia tunu fa'apuna mo le fa'aaogaina ma le gaosiga o mea taumafa. Fa'aaoga vai tunu pe faatau mai vai tu'u fagu i faleoloa mo mea'ai a fanau iti, aisa, fufuluina o nifo, ma le fa'amamāina o ipu se'i vagana ua soso'o atu i vai a le ASPA poo le malo. Ua fautuaina ai foi le mamalu o alii pulenuu o ia alalafaga ina ia galueaina fa'atanoa vai mo le fa'aitiitia o ia fa'afitauli.

Fa'amolemole, ina ia aua lava ne'i feso'ota'i fa'atasi le suavai taumafa a le malo, ma le suavai taumafa o lou alalafaga, o se tulaga le talafeagai lea mo le soifua maloloina.

ASEPA BEACH ADVISORY

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) wishes to inform the public that on **Tuesday, January 17, 2006** the following recreational beaches were found to be contaminated with enterococci bacteria levels that exceed ASEPA Water Quality Standards:

Malota – Stream Mouth, Malota
Asili Beach (across LMS Church, Asili)
Leone Pala (near bridge), Leone
Pala Lagoon (adjacent playground), Nu'uuli
Coconut Point, Nu'uuli
Faga'alu Beach (adjacent field), Faga'alu
Utulei Beach (across high school), Utulei
Fagatogo – Stream Mouth (flowing past Market), Fagatogo

Afono – Stream Mouth (adjacent cricket field), Afono
Vatia – Stream Mouth (2nd bridge), Vatia
Aua – Pouesi (Across Pouesi Mart), Aua
Aua – Video (Across A&M Video Store), Aua
Aua Stream Mouth (near bridge), Aua
Masefau – Stream Mouth, Masefau
Aoa – Stream Mouth, Aoa

- **Avau beach was not sampled due to construction.**

The public should not swim, wade, or fish within 400 feet of these polluted beaches. This advisory is in effect until further sampling and laboratory analyses indicate that enterococci concentrations are within water quality standards.

Water that contains excessive concentrations of enterococci bacteria is correlated with swimming-associated gastrointestinal diseases. Enterococci bacteria reside in the intestines of warm-blooded animals. Their presence in water indicates contamination by human and/or animal wastes. Swimmers in polluted water are at risk for many waterborne diseases, some of which may cause serious illness.

Note: ASEPA laboratory monitors the water quality of 42 recreational beaches on Tutuila, the wharf in Aunu'u, and five beaches on Manu'a. Tutuila advisories are issued weekly. Aunu'u and Manu'a advisories are issued monthly. Advisories are issued when bacteria concentrations exceed levels determined safe for human exposure. Questions should be directed to the ASEPA Water Program at 633-2304.